MANAGING DROUGHU

IN THE SOUTHERN PLAINS

October 27, 2011

Webinar Series Goals

- To improve communication among agencies and organizations in the Southern Plains who are being affected by the historic and exceptional drought
- To provide information on available resources and assistance to help monitor and manage drought
- To understand the impacts of drought in this region <u>from the perspective</u> of those who are tasked with managing it
- To document impacts that will help improve the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor assessment and our understanding of how drought impacts evolve and decay

Webinar Format

- 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 11:00 a.m. Central Time
- Overview of regional drought conditions and outlook for next several weeks to months
 - led by the Drought Monitor authors
- Discussion Topic
 - Alternating between an impact type (wildfire, agriculture) and a resource (monitoring tools, assistance programs)
- Comments & Updates from State Climatologists
- Open-ended time for questions and comments
- Total Time Commitment: 25 minutes for presentations, as much time as needed for discussion
- Past webinars, summaries, and Federal/State Assistance links posted on the U.S. Drought Monitor, http://www.drought.gov in the Southern Plains Region or directly at http://www.drought.gov/portal/server.pt/community/southern plains

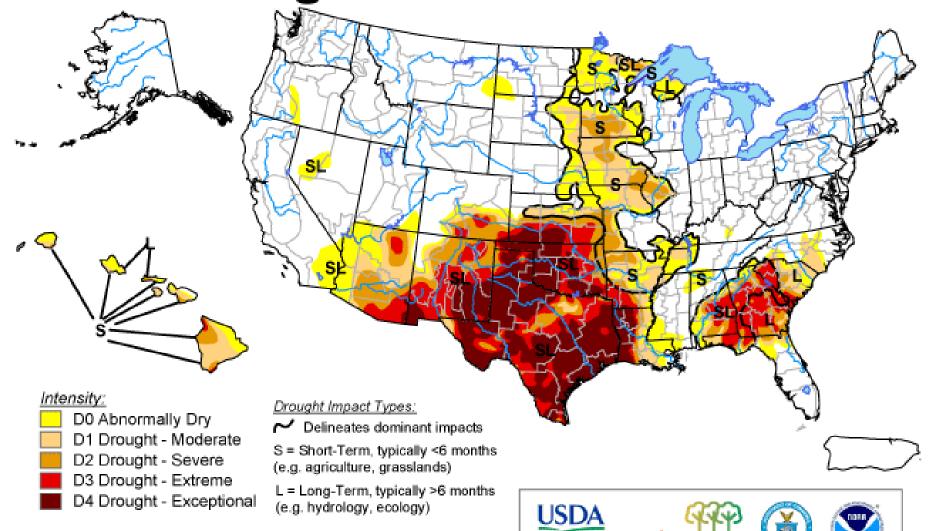
Regional Drought Monitor Update

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National Drought Mitigation Center School of Natural Resources University of Nebraska-Lincoln U.S. Drought Monitor

October 25, 2011

Valid 8 a.m. EDT



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/

Released Thursday, October 27, 2011
Author: David Miskus, NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC

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U.S. Drought Monitor

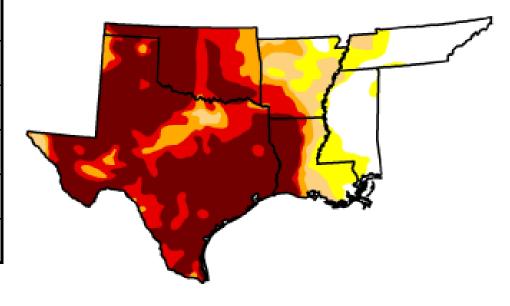
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South

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4		
Current	13.04	86.96	77.92	70.89	62.67	45.84		
Last Week (10/18/2011 map)	14.13	85.87	78.18	71.28	63.72	47.94		
3 Months Ago (07/26/2011 map)	9.44	90.56	85.25	73.95	63.56	47.93		
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	8.86	91.14	67.65	35.21	10.17	0.00		
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	18.34	81.66	76.26	70.61	63.67	53.77		
One Year Ago (10/19/2010 map)	38.03	61.97	33.77	16.66	4.17	0.00		



Intensity:



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U.S. Drought Monitor

October 25, 2011

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West

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.12	25.88	18.32	14.67	8.48	2.87
Last Week (10/18/2011 map)	74.71	25.29	18.32	14.67	8.48	2.87
3 Months Ago (07/26/2011 map)	74.71	25.29	19.01	15.46	11.11	5.55
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	73.26	26.74	11.98	0.89	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	66.72	33.28	19.04	14.99	9.30	3.81
One Year Ago (10/19/2010 map)	62.30	37.70	6.01	0.56	0.00	0.00

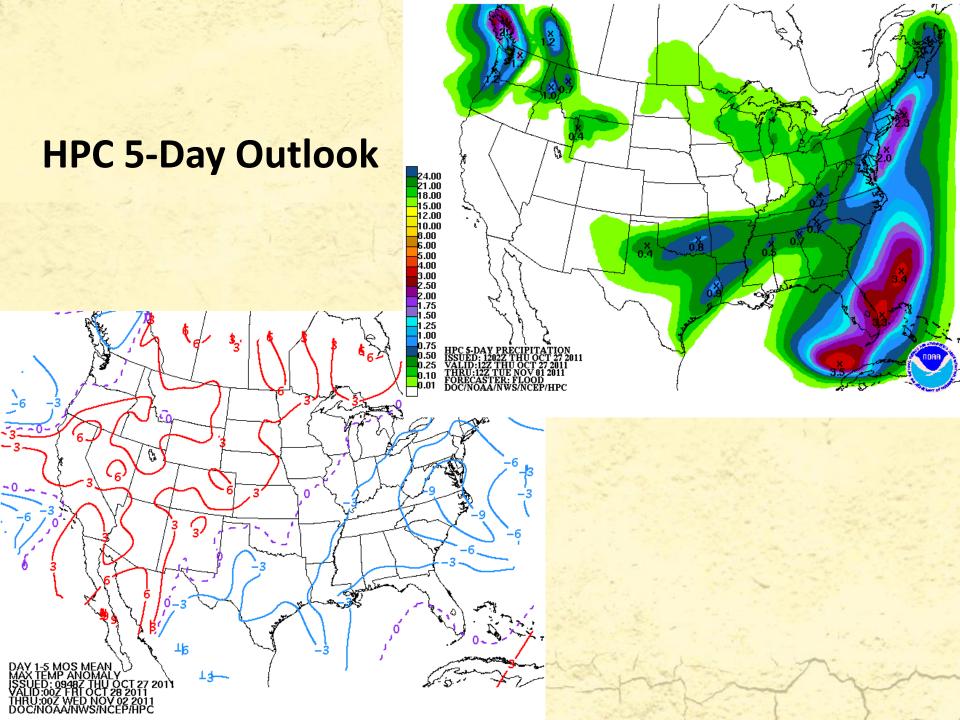
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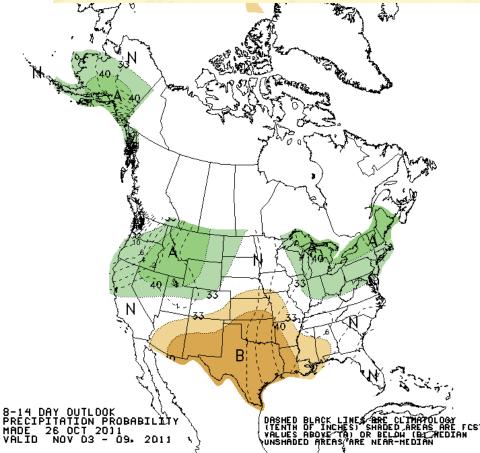
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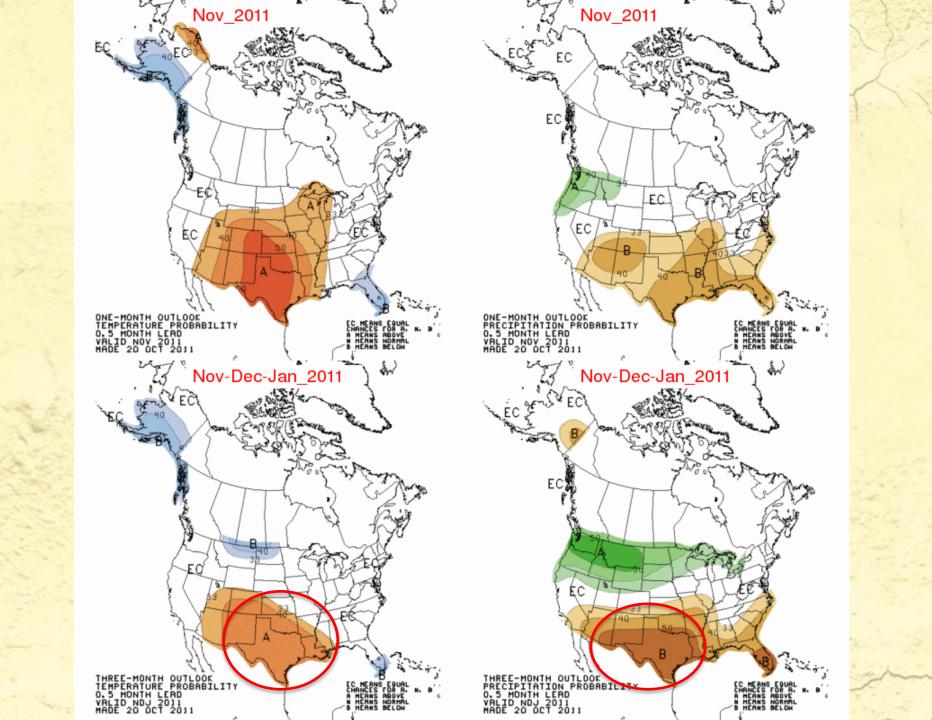


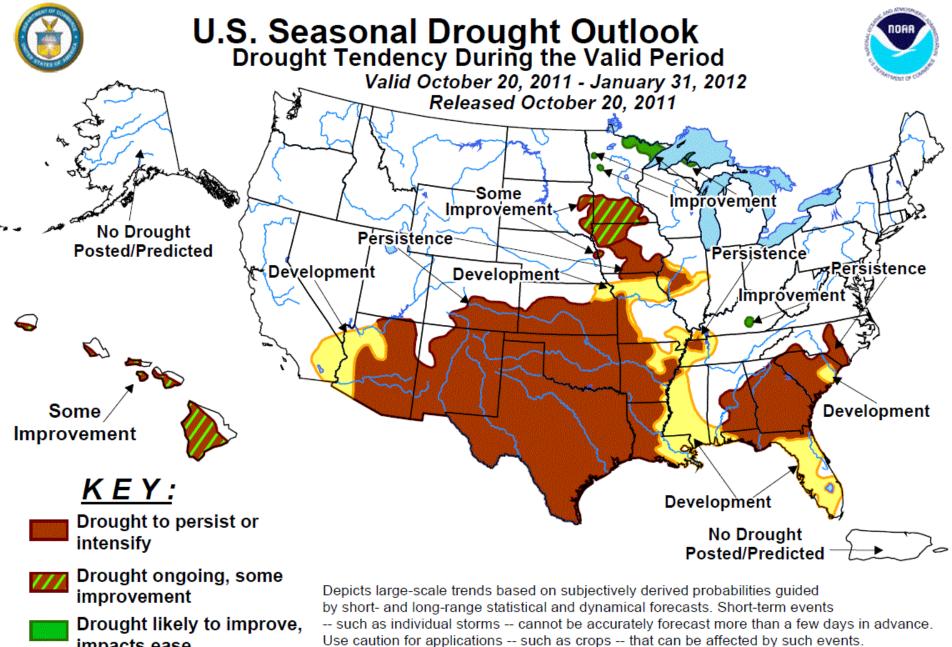


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CPC 8-14-Day Outlooks







Drought likely to improve, impacts ease

Drought development likely

Drought developme

Featured USDM Product

Did you know.....

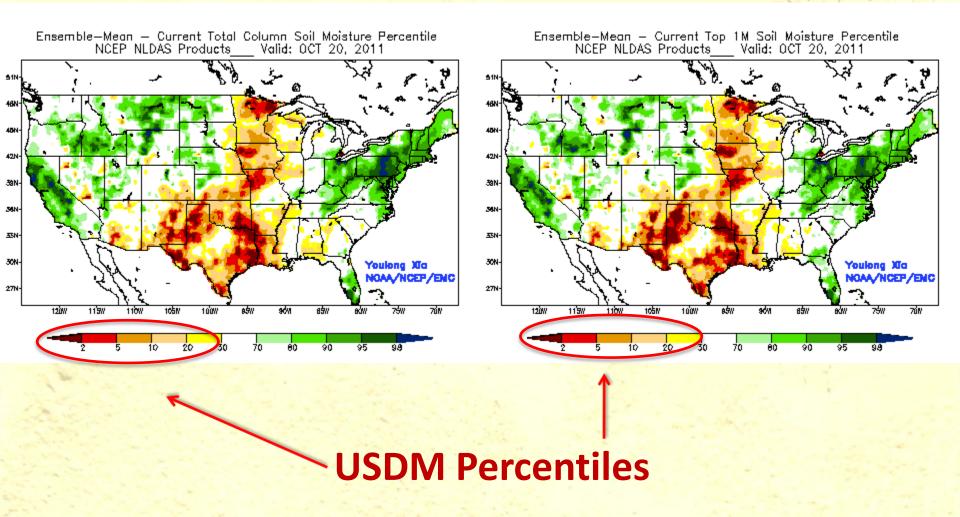
There are more monitoring tools being made available using gridded data and provided using the USDM percentiles?

NLDAS http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/mmb/nldas/drought/

U. Of Washington http://www.hydro.washington.edu/forecast/monitor/index.shtml

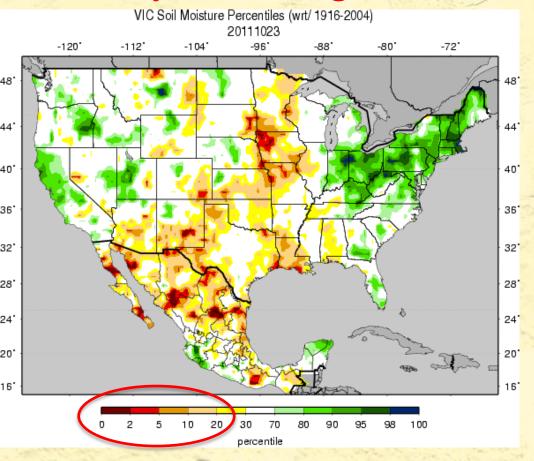
Texas SC Office http://atmo.tamu.edu/osc/drought/

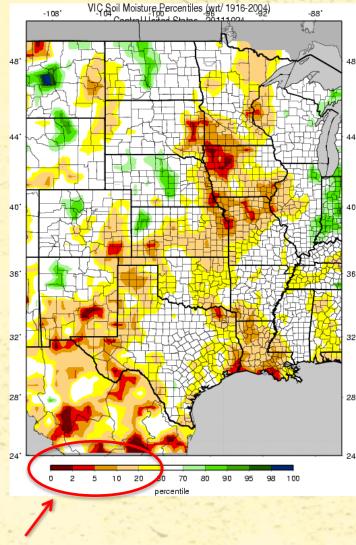
NLDAS soil moisture products use modeled and in situ inputs



http://www.emc.ncep.noaa.gov/mmb/nldas/drought/

University of Washington VIC Soil Moisture Products

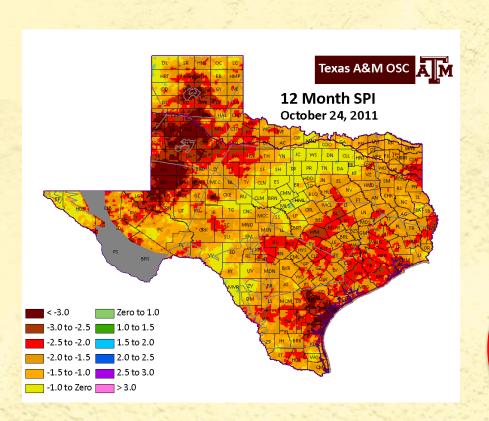


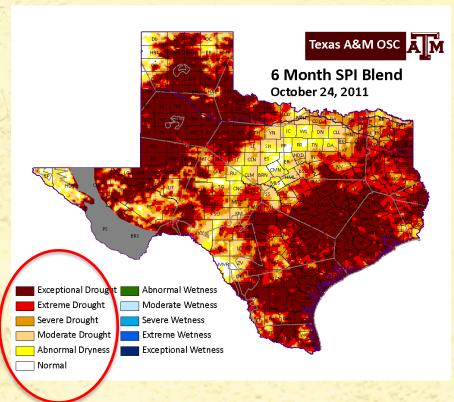


USDM Percentiles

http://www.hydro.washington.edu/forecast/monitor/index.shtml

Texas State Climate Office 4km gridded SPI products use radar derived precipitation data





USDM Intensity Levels

http://atmo.tamu.edu/osc/drought/

Drought in a "Flash": Just What is Flash Drought?

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What is Flash Drought?

- Real estate = location, location
- Drought = timing, timing, timing
 - ET varies regionally and seasonally
 - Onset timing critical w/ phenological stage
- Preceding conditions are very important!
- Magnitude = Intensity x Duration
- Drought exacerbates the ET effect
 - Relatively less cloud cover (associated w/ persistent High pressure systems) = more sunshine
 - Typically more wind
 - Can also be associated with heat waves

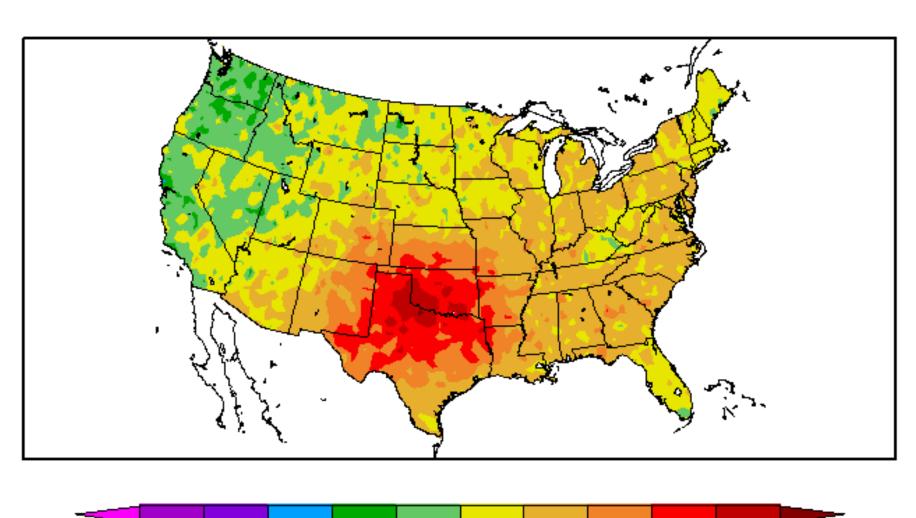
What is Flash Drought?

- Typically below normal RH = enhanced fire risk
- This all adds up to an increased draw on soil moisture reserves, which
 equals less transpiration (vegetation shutting down or dying....depending
 on root system depth) and from open water bodies, soil and snow via
 evaporation......
- High night time minimums are also stressful on livestock and crops

What is Flash Drought?

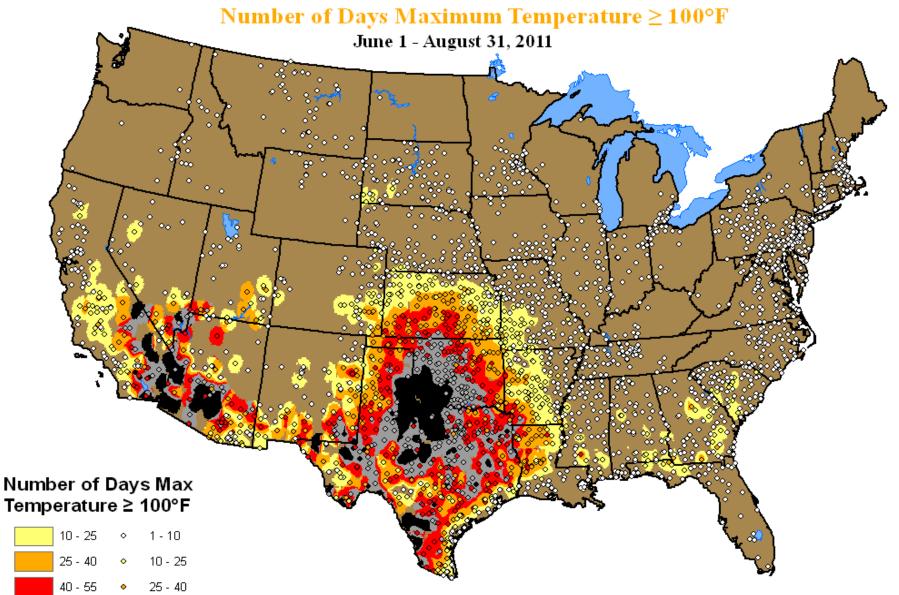
- Loosely defined, one could say "flash drought" is a relatively rapid (weeks instead of months or seasons) onset extreme event (and often short lived) coupling precipitation deficits with intense heat and winds that occur during a critical phenological stage in the growing season often impacting natural vegetation, crops, livestock and can also bring about increased wildfire outbreaks.
- Illustrates the need for a new breed of indicators in a comprehensive DEWS (Drought Early Warning System)

Departure from Normal Temperature (F) 6/1/2011 — 8/31/2011



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Persistent Heat Engulfs Nation - Summer 2011



Total number of stations: 2731 (only includes 60 or more non-missing days). Leader: Laredo AP TX 90 out of 92 possible days.

Preliminary data: full quality assurance not yet applied.

Updated: September 27, 2011

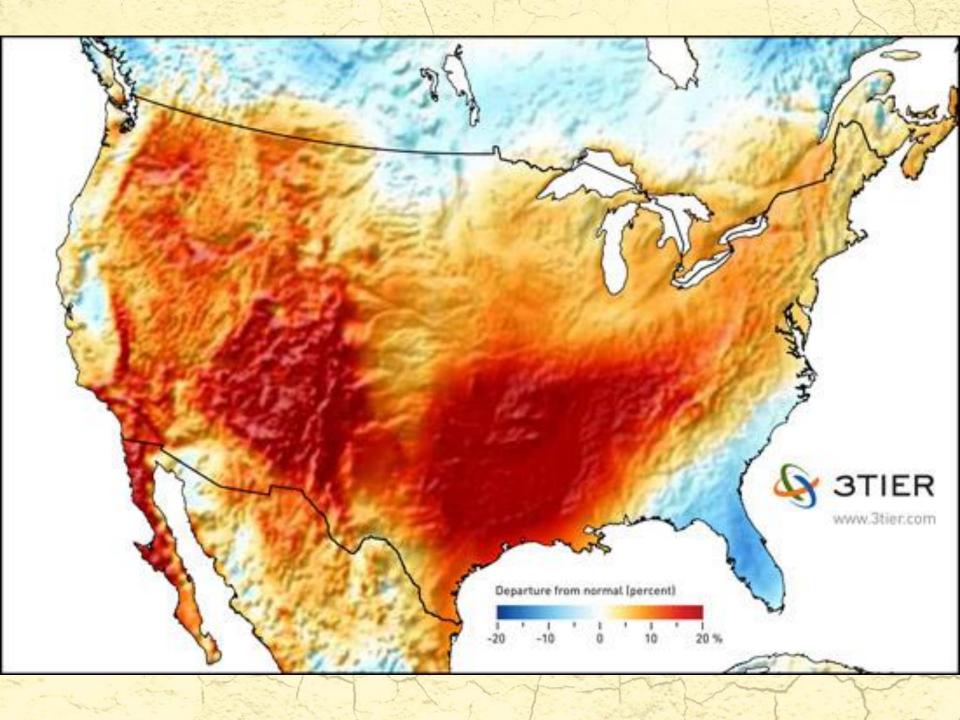
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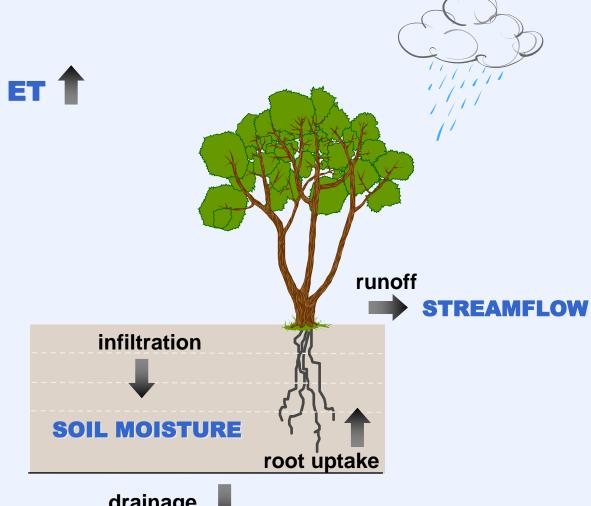
A Satellite-based Drought Product using Thermal Remote Sensing of Evapotranspiration

M.C. Anderson, W.P. Kustas USDA-ARS, Hydrology and Remote Sensing Laboratory

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Hydro Drought Indicators

PRECIPITATION

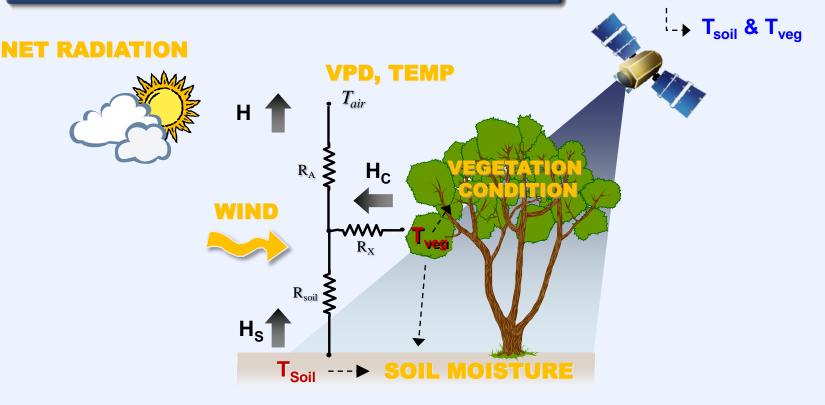


drainage **GROUNDWATER**

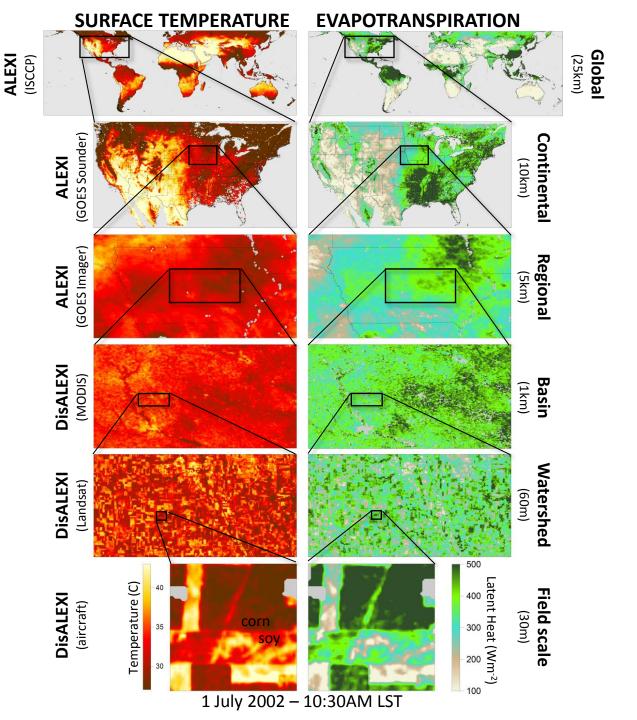
ET Driving Factors PRECIPITATION NET RADIATION VPD, TEMP e_{air} ET 1 $R_A \ge$ **WIND** e_{sat} runoff Ε **STREAMFLOW** e_{soil} infiltration **SOIL MOISTURE** root uptake drainage **GROUNDWATER**

Remotely sensed ET

SURFACE TEMPERATURE

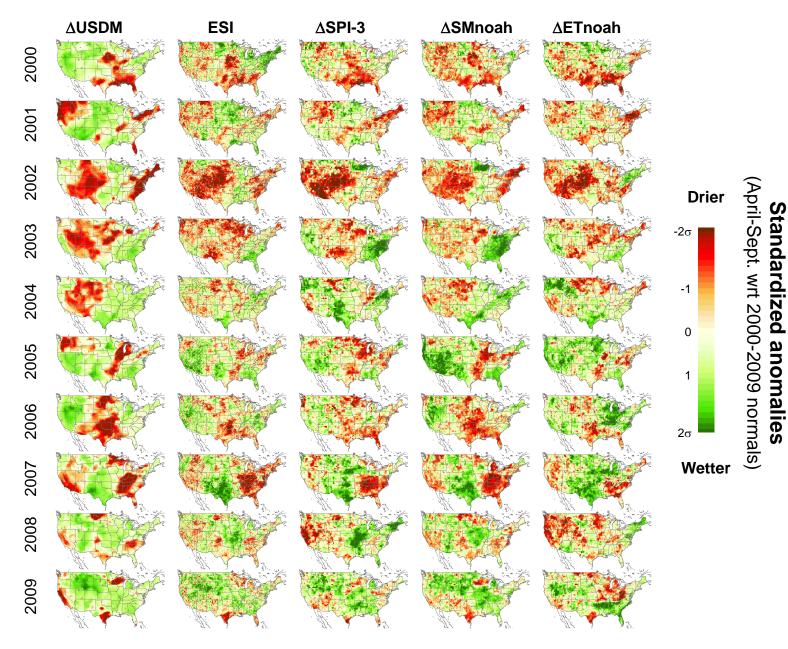


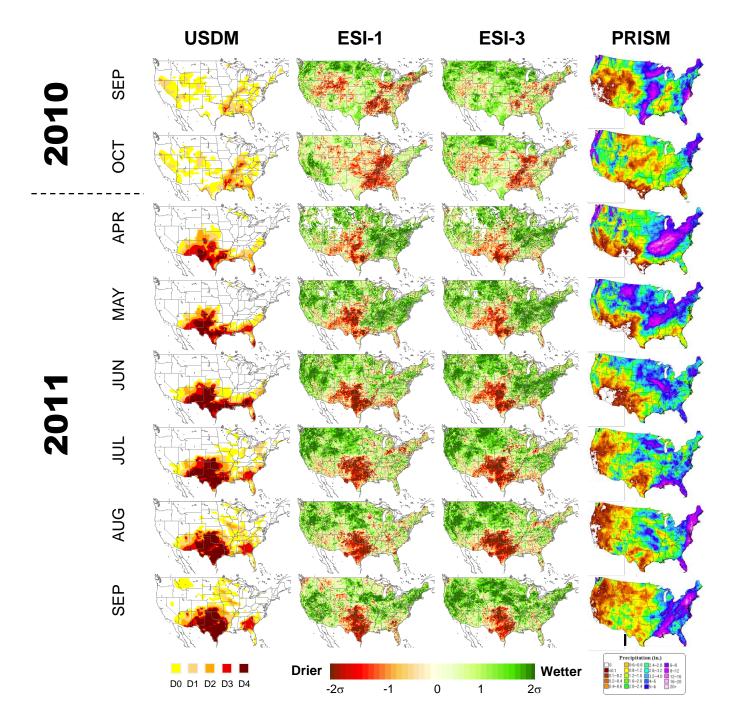
ET computed as a residual to the surface energy balance:

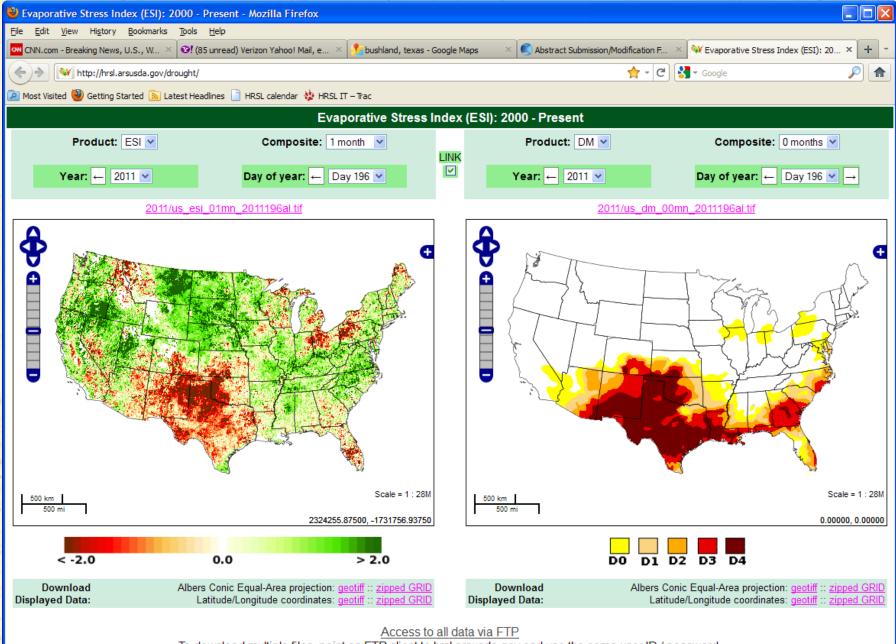




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CONCLUSIONS

THERMAL REMOTE SENSING DATA HAVE GREAT UTILITY:

... multi-scale ET mapping

... drought monitoring

... soil moisture mapping

COMPLEMENTS INFORMATION FROM PRECIPITATION DATASETS

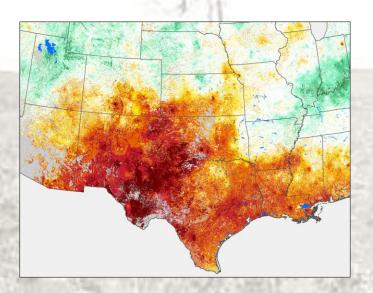
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Vegetation Drought Response Index (VegDRI) A Hybrid-based Remote Sensing Tool for Agricultural Drought Monitoring

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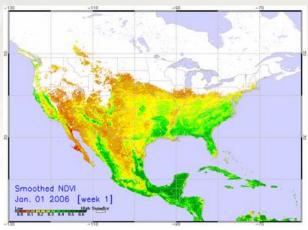




Traditional Satellite-Based Vegetation Monitoring

Many vegetation indices (VIs) have been developed to map and monitor vegetation conditions using various spectral band combinations.

- Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)
- Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI)
- Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI)
- Vegetation Health Index (VHI)



Geographic patterns of seasonal vegetation greenness for the U.S. as observed from a time-series NOAA AVHRR NDVI data. (Animation produced by NOAA /NESDIS).

Advantages:

- Simple calculations
- Demonstrated relationships with biophysical characteristics of vegetation (e.g., biomass and green leaf area).

Challenges for drought monitoring:

- Discriminating drought-impacted areas from locations experiencing other types of stress (pests, disease, flooding, and fire) or land cover change.
- Classifying the different levels of drought severity (e.g., moderate, severe, and extreme).











What is VegDRI?

<u>VegDRI</u> is a new 'hybrid' drought index that integrates:

- satellite-based observations of vegetation conditions
- climate-based drought index data
- biophysical characteristics of the environment to produce 1-km spatial resolution maps that depict

'draught related' personation stress

'drought-related' vegetation stress.

Goals:

- 1) map county to sub-county drought patterns across the continental United States and
- 2) classify drought severity using an easily understandable classification scheme (modified Palmer Drought Severity Index, PDSI).





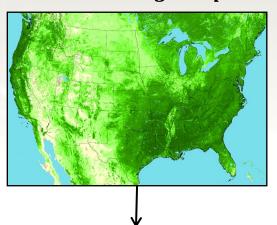






VegDRI - A Hybrid-Based Approach

Remote Sensing Component

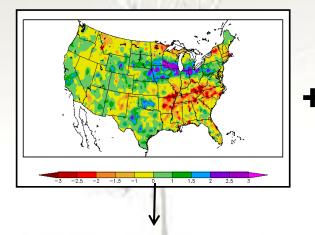


Role: Spatial detailed information about vegetation patterns and conditions acquired from satellite-based NDVI data.

Inputs:

- 1) Percent Annual Seasonal Greenness (PASG)
- 2) Start of Season Anomaly (SOSA)

Climate Component

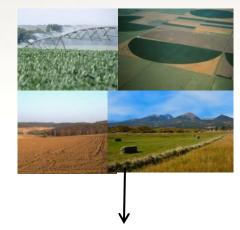


Role: Coarser-scale geographic patterns of dryness.

Inputs:

- 1) Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)
- 2) self-calibrated Palmer
 Drought Severity Index
 (PDSI)

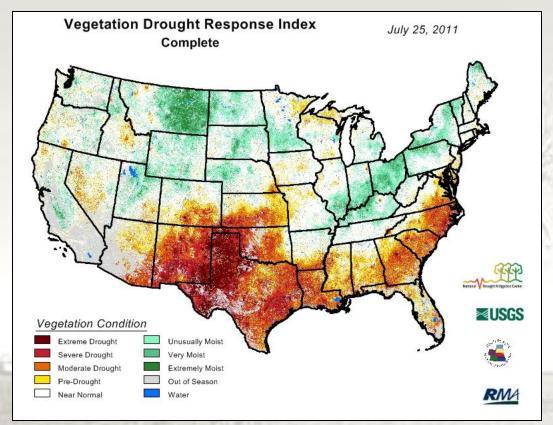
Biophysical Component



Role: Environmental characteristics that influence climate-vegetation interactions.

Inputs:

- 1) land use/cover type
- 2) soil characteristics
- 3) elevation
- 4) ecological setting
- 5) irrigated ag. land



Operational VegDRI Products

- Operational production across the continental U.S. began in 2008
- Weekly and bi-weekly production of VegDRI maps
- 20+ year historical record (1989 to present) of VegDRI maps for the CONUS is available
- Suite of value-added products and data produced (customized maps, change maps and tabular data)

Access to VegDRI information at:

VegDRI website: http://vegdri.unl.edu/VegDRI_Main.htm

USGS Drought Viewer: http://vegdri.cr.usgs.gov/viewer/viewer.htm

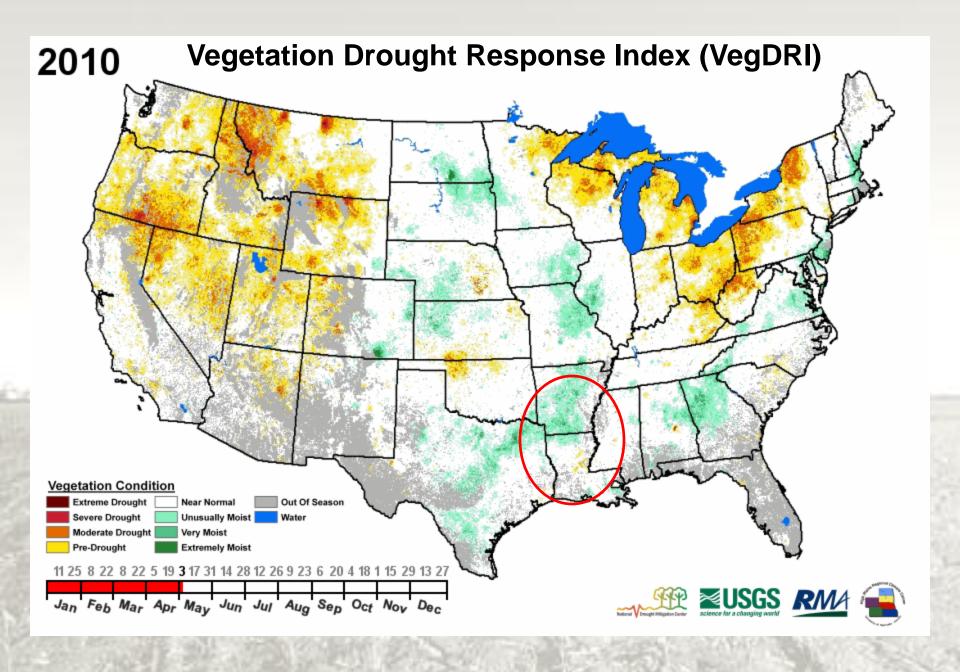


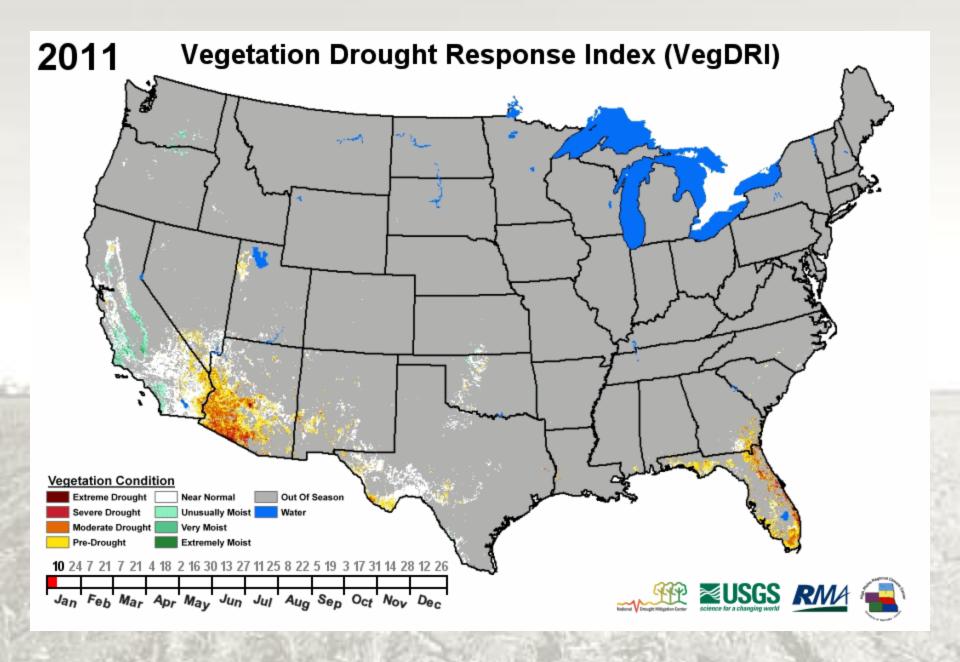








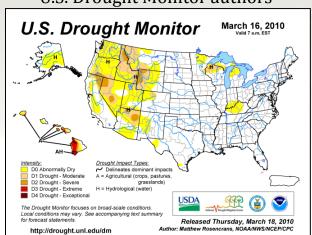




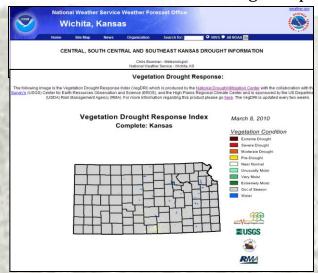
Who is Using VegDRI?

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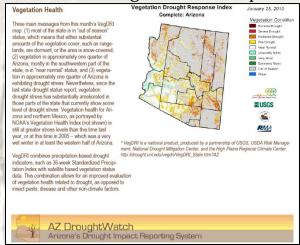
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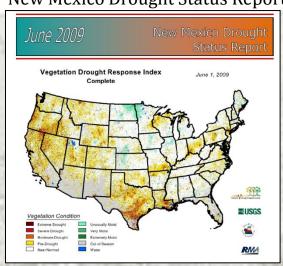
National Weather Service Drought Reports



Arizona Drought Monitor Report



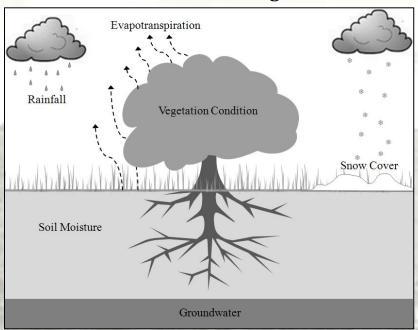
New Mexico Drought Status Report



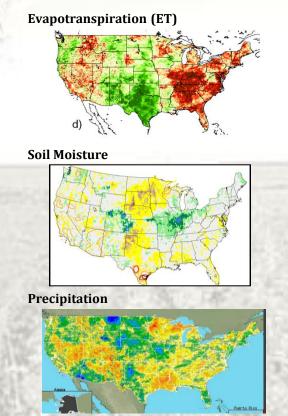
What's Next for VegDRI?

Incorporation of several new remotely sensed variables into VegDRI that impact drought-related vegetation stress to continue to improve the response time of VegDRI to shorter-term changes in drought conditions and rapid-onset events such as flash drought.

Environmental parameters monitored from satellite related to drought.



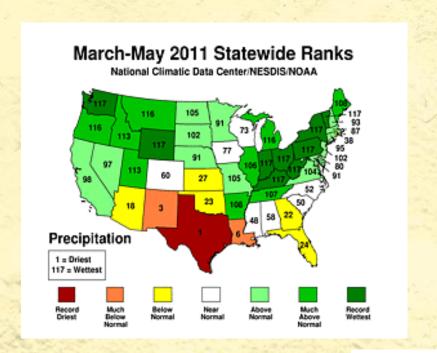
Potential New Data Inputs for VegDRI

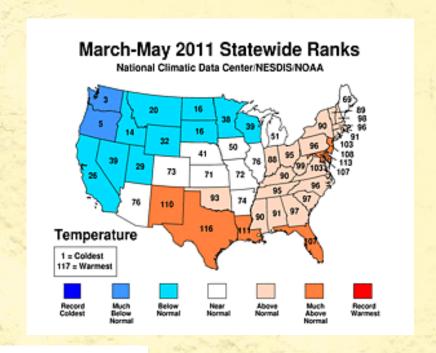


Drought Development in Missouri

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Missouri Drought Status, May 2011

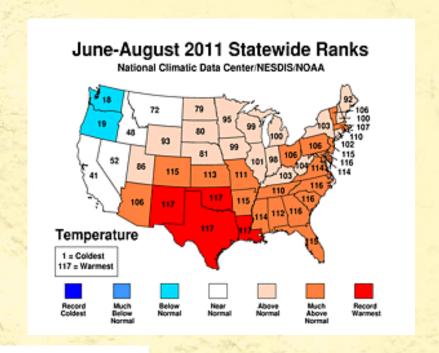


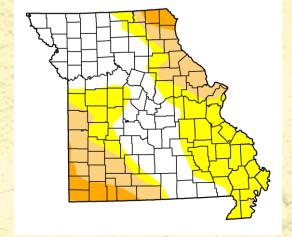




Missouri Drought Status, Aug 2011







New Mexico Update

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New Mexico State Climatologist

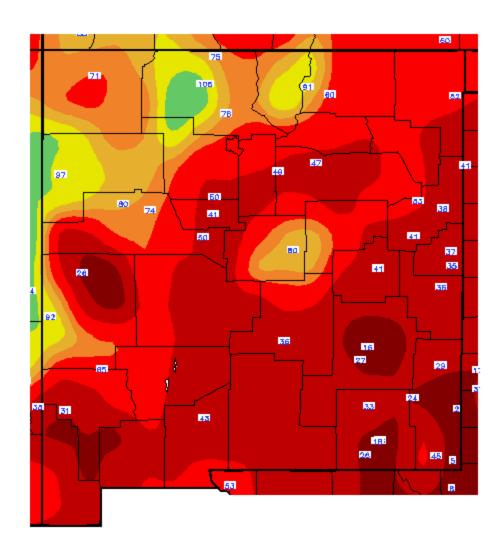
New Mexico Climate Center

Calendar Year Precipitation

Sorted by % normal, smallest to largest, below 50%

	Station	Obs (in)	Depart (in)	Pct Norm
	HOBBS	0.31	-16.07	2
	JAL	0.65	-11.72	5
	BITTER LAKES WR	2.03	-10.42	16
	CARLSBAD CAVERN CITY AP	2.33	-10.39	18
	MALIAMAR	3.38	-11.25	23
	QUEMADO	2.60	-7.25	26
	CARLSBAD	3.26	-9.33	26
	CARLSBAD CAVERNS	3.95	-11.05	26
	ROSWELL IND AIR PK	3.24	-8.80	27
	TATUM	4.47	-10.82	29
	REDROCK 1 NNE	3.66	-8.04	31
	ARTESIA 6S	3.78	-8.16	32
	JORNADA EXP RANGE	3.20	-6.56	33
	CLOVIS	5.86	-10.92	35
	PORTALES	5.51	-10.02	35
	CAPITAN	5.60	-9.87	36
	CLOVIS 13 N	6.05	-10.25	37
	SAN JON	6.41	-10.36	38
	ALBUQUERQUE INTL AP	3.35	-4.83	41
	FT SUMNER 5 S	5.67	-8.17	41
	RAGLAND 3 SSW	6.80	-9.75	41
	OCHOA	4.81	-6.13	44
	LAS VEGAS MUNI AP	7.76	-8.85	47
	LOS LUNAS 3 SSW	4.18	-4.44	48
*	PECOS NM	7.59	-7.90	49

Percent of Average Precipitation (%) 1/1/2011 - 10/24/2011



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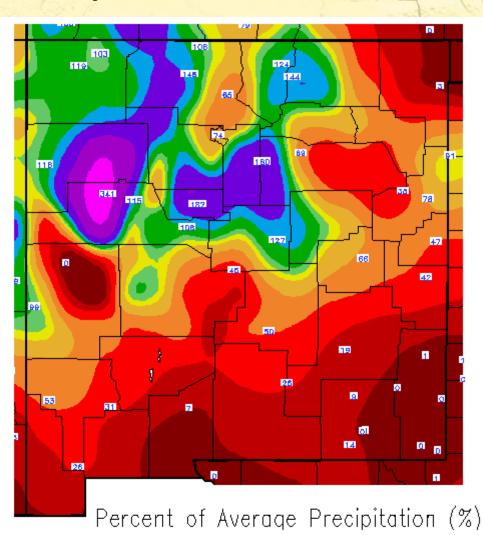
October Precipitation

(Or start of water year)

October 1-25 departures and % of normal at driest cooperative stations

Station	PPT (in)	Departure	% of Normal	
CARLSBAD	0.00	-1.19	0	
CARLSBAD CAVERN CITY AP	0.00	-1.03	0	
HOBBS	0.00	-1.27	0	
JAL	0.00	-1.06	0	
MALJAMAR	0.00	-1.05	0	
OCHOA	0.00	-0.90	0	
TATUM	0.01	-1.22	1	
CLAYTON MUNI AIR PK	0.02	-0.60	3	
ARTESIA 6S	0.10	-1.02	9	
JORNADA EXP RANGE	0.11	-0.83	12	
CARLSBAD CAVERNS	0.16	-1.00	14	
ROSWELL IND AIR PK	0.20	-0.91	18	
HACHITA	0.34	-0.59	37	
PORTALES	0.55	-0.80	41	
TUCUMCARI 4 NE	0.49	-0.71	41	
GRAN QUIVIRA NATL MO	0.59	-0.77	43	
CLOVIS 13 N	0.70	-0.84	45	
CAPITAN	0.53	-0.55	49	

Compare with Grants >300% as it rained every day 16th to 25th.

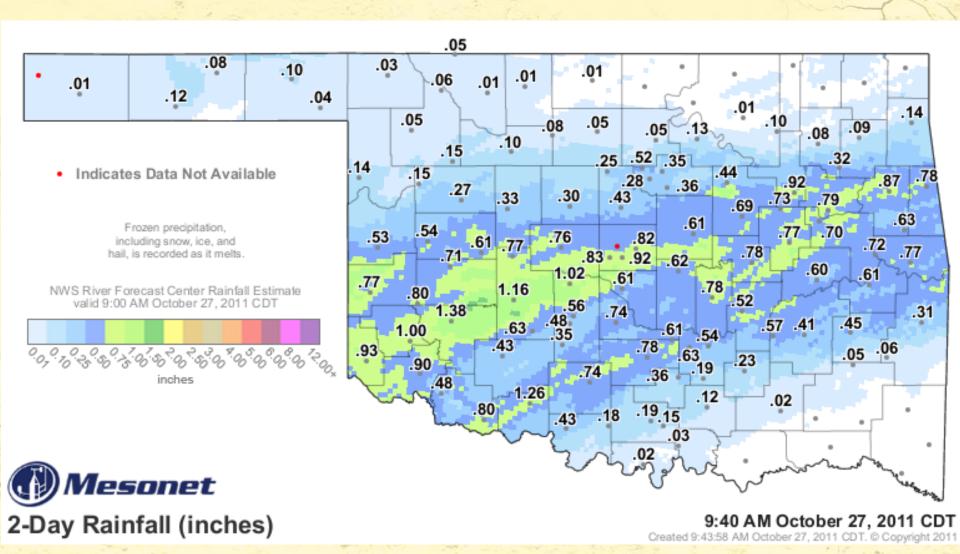


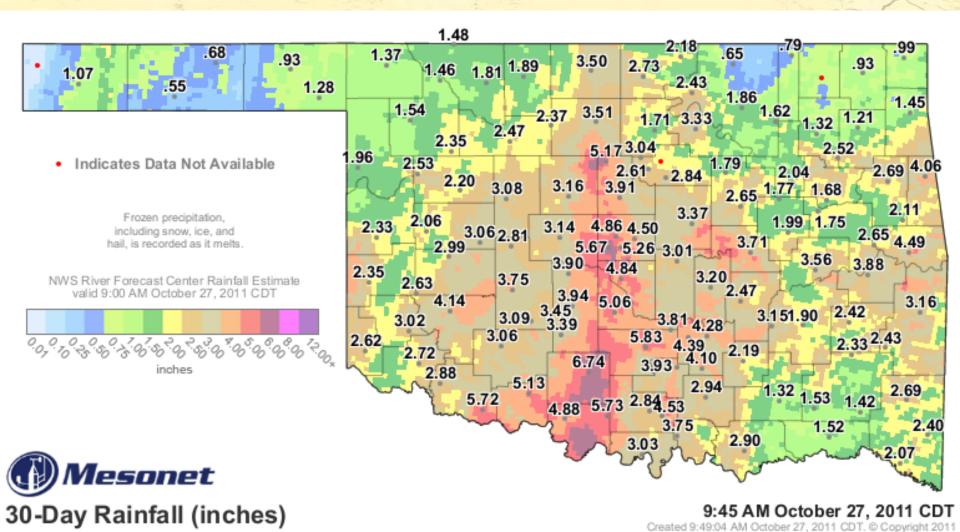
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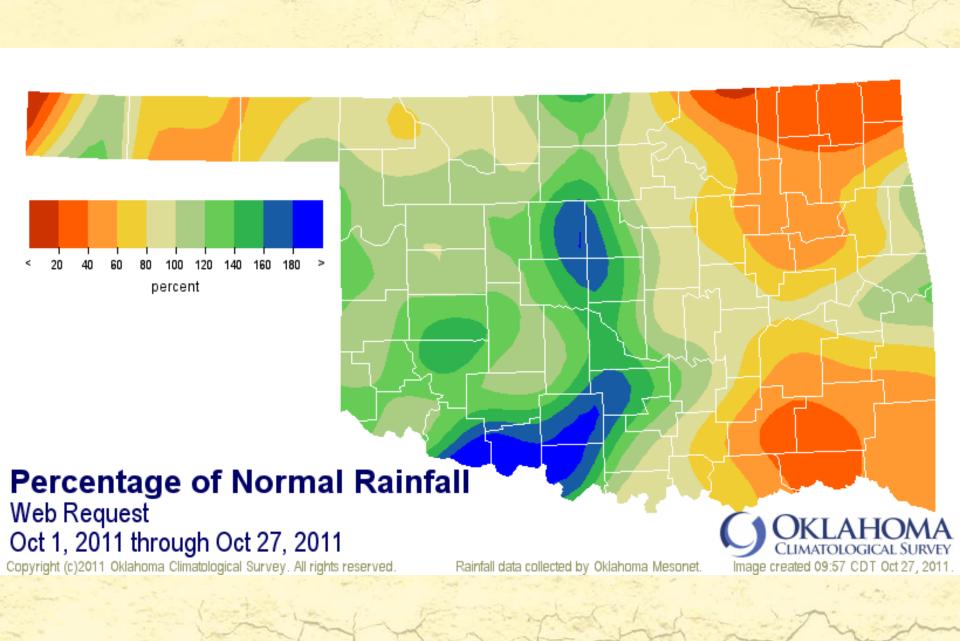
^{**} Snow in northern Mtns on 26th **

Drought Development in Oklahoma

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Resources

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- Drought Impact Reporter
 - http://droughtreporter.unl.edu/
- State Climatologists
 - http://www.stateclimate.org/
- National Drought Mitigation Center
 - http://drought.unl.edu/
- Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP)
 - http://www.southernclimate.org/
- Climate Assessment for the Southwest (CLIMAS)
 - http://www.climas.arizona.edu/



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